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Once a virtual paradise, the planet Mobius was enslaved when conquered by the techno-evil of Doctor Robotnik. In the aftermath, a courageous group of "Freedom Fighters" has risen to restore the order and beauty that was once theirs. The greatest among them is the fastest and cool-coolest dude on two feet... SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!

Some say knowledge is the ultimate power.
How then can true power be determined?
The answer may lie within recent events when one ancient warlord stole the power of another.
Upon his attack on Luerjak, Mammoth Mogul uttered these words, "There is always someone who is smarter, stronger and even more ruthless than you!"
Now possessing the power of Twelve Chaos Emeralds and a millennium's worth of knowledge to control it, it seems that Mogul's words ring true! In light of the recent banishment of Sonic, Tails and Knuckles, does such a champion exist who can win this day? Or are both The Floating Island and the planet Mobius destined to be subjugated once again?

While these questions may be pending,
the answers are fortunately (or unfortunately)
not long in coming...

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IMMORTALITY is forever... Life is Finite.

THIS IS THE SECOND TIME THIS YEAR THAT SOME CHAOS EMERALD-POWERED JERK WITH DELUSIONS OF GRANDEUR HAS LEFT ME HELPLESS!

HOW COME IT'S ALWAYS THE LITTLEST GUY WHO GETS STUCK ON THE BOTTOM?!

STOP COMPLAINING AND LET'S FIGURE OUT WHERE WE ARE--AND HOW WE GET BACK!

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FIRST IT WAS MY POWER-MAD ANCESTOR; AND THEN THAT "MAMMOTH" IDIOT SENDS US TO THIS HOLE!

I WONDER WHAT JELLY-BELLY DID WITH THE REST OF OUR BUDS!

*"Uncle ENERJAK" broke down his molecular structure in Knux #8 -- Uncle Justin

WHAT THE ?! SOME KINDA ROCK QUAKE?

SONIC! I THINK THE ROCK'S ALIVE!

DON'T BE STUPID, KID!

NO, WAIT! HE'S RIGHT! LOOKOUT!

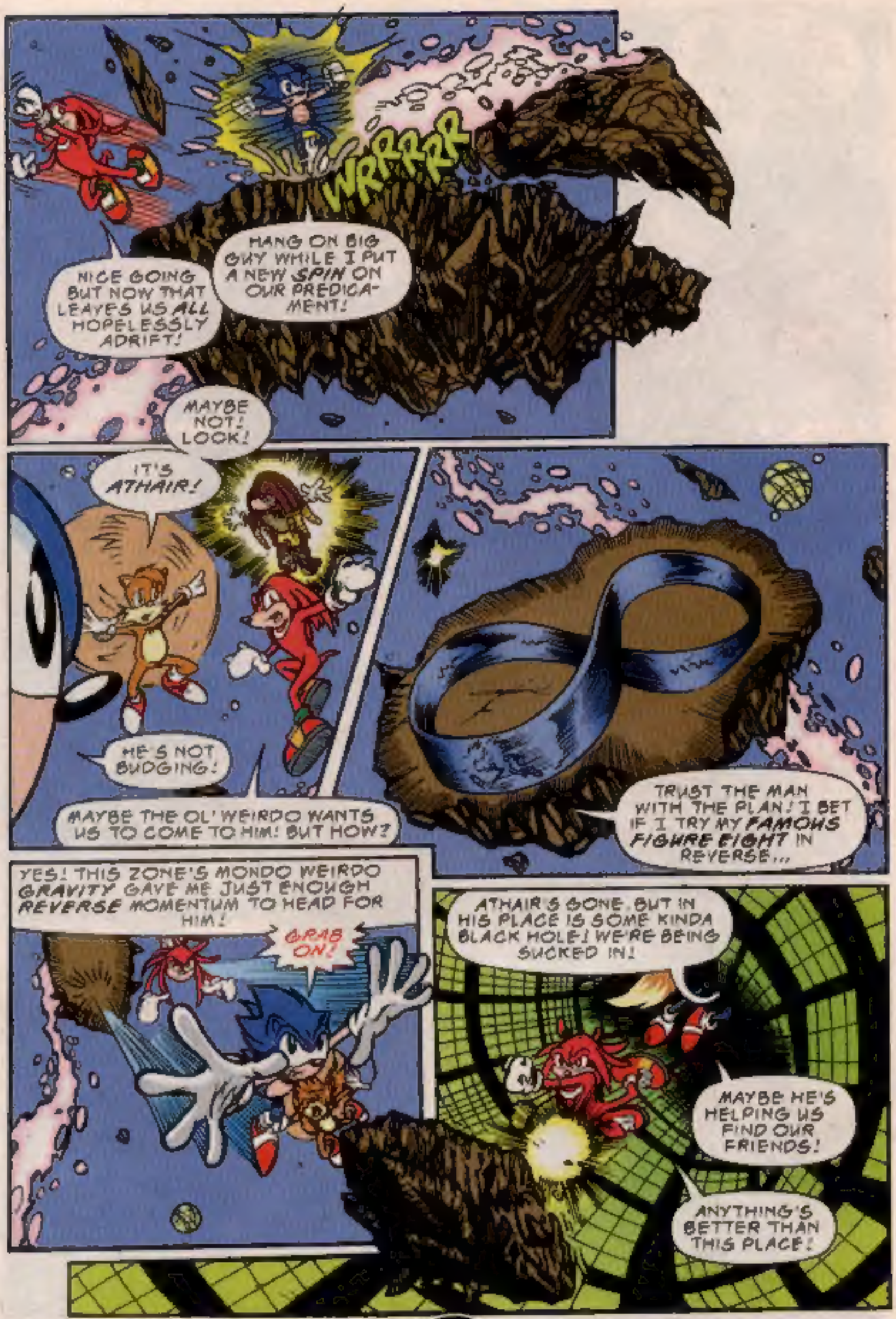
AGH! IT'S GOT ME!

DON'T WORRY! I'LL PULL YOU FREE!

LET GO!

THE GRAVITY HERE IS WACKO! I'M DOING ZIG ZAGS!

BRRACK


WRRRRR
NICE GOING BUT NOW THAT LEAVES US ALL HOPELESSLY ADRIFT!
HANG ON BIG GUY WHILE I PUT A NEW SPIN ON OUR PREDICAMENT!
MAYBE NOT! LOOK!
IT'S ATHAIR!
HE'S NOT BUDGING!
MAYBE THE OL' WEIRDO WANTS US TO COME TO HIM! BUT HOW?
TRUST THE MAN WITH THE PLAN! I BET IF I TRY MY FAMOUS FIGURE EIGHT IN REVERSE...
YES! THIS ZONE'S MONDO WEIRDO GRAVITY GAVE ME JUST ENOUGH REVERSE MOMENTUM TO HEAD FOR HIM!
GRAB ON!
ATHAIR'S GONE. BUT IN HIS PLACE IS SOME KINDA BLACK HOLE! WE'RE BEING SUCKED IN!
MAYBE HE'S HELPING US FIND OUR FRIENDS!
ANYTHING'S BETTER THAN THIS PLACE!

"...AND I HOPE THEY'RE STILL ALIVE!"
I ALMOST ADMIRE THEM... THESE "SO-CALLED" HEROES TRULY BELIEVED THEIR ABILITIES THE EQUAL OF THEIR COURAGE!
COURAGE! AGAINST UNLIMITED POWER! POWER TO MAKE ME MASTER MOGUL!
THE THREE WHO MAY HAVE POSED A THREAT HAVE BEEN BANISHED, HOPELESSLY LOST UNTIL I RETRIEVE THEM...
"...MAKING USE OF THEIR UNIQUE ABILITIES AS THE ELITE STRIKE FORCE OF MY NEW WORLD ORDER!
"AS FOR THE OTHERS, THEY ARE USELESS... DESTINED TO MEET A SWIFT END..."

"...WHEN THEY CEASE COWERING IN THE SHADOWS AND RESIGN THEMSELVES TO THEIR FINAL FATE!"

WE'RE NOT COWERING, BUSTER, AND WE'LL SOON PROVE IT!

I'M EQUALLY FRUSTRATED, PRINCESS, BUT WE *BOTH* REALIZED OUR ONLY RECOURSE WAS A STRATEGIC *WITHDRAWAL!*

I AGREE! OUR FRIENDS MAY HAVE PROVEN TOO ANXIOUS BY ATTEMPTING TO FACE MAMMOTH *DIRECTLY...*

...BUT AT LEAST WE'RE *FREE* TO PLAN A COUNTER ATTACK!

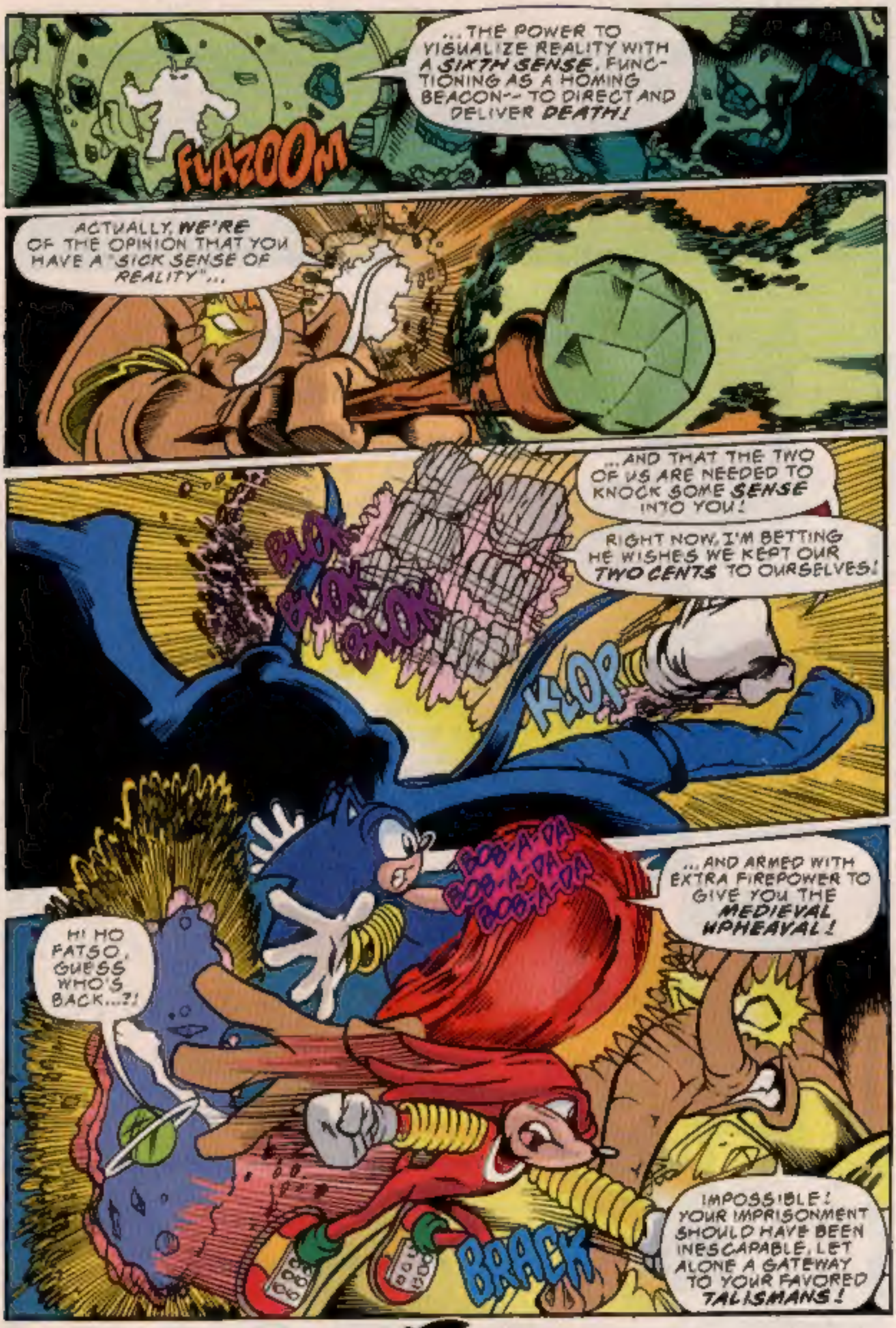
A PLAN ISN'T NEEDED, IT'S *POWER!* AND NO ONE HAS THE POWER TO STOP *MOBUL!*

DON'T BE TOO SURE! THIS UNIVERSE PLAYS HOST TO PHENOMENA A YOUNG BOY LIKE YOU COULD SCARCELY IMAGINE!

TECHNICALLY THE BOY IS CORRECT-- NO *ONE* HAS THE POWER TO CHALLENGE THE *PHENOM* I HAVE BECOME...

SHAKOOM

FORGET PLANNING OR POWER... *EVERYONE SCATTER!*


...THE POWER TO VISUALIZE REALITY WITH A SIXTH SENSE, FUNCTIONING AS A HOMING BEACON-- TO DIRECT AND DELIVER DEATH!
FLAZOOM
ACTUALLY, WE'RE OF THE OPINION THAT YOU HAVE A "SICK SENSE OF REALITY"...
...AND THAT THE TWO OF US ARE NEEDED TO KNOCK SOME SENSE INTO YOU!
RIGHT NOW, I'M BETTING HE WISHES WE KEPT OUR TWO CENTS TO OURSELVES!
BLOT BLOT BLOT
KLOP
BOB-A-DA BOB-A-DA BOB-A-DA
...AND ARMED WITH EXTRA FIREPOWER TO GIVE YOU THE MEDIEVAL UPHEAVAL!
HI HO FATSO, GUESS WHO'S BACK...?!
BRACK
IMPOSSIBLE! YOUR IMPRISONMENT SHOULD HAVE BEEN INESCAPABLE, LET ALONE A GATEWAY TO YOUR FAVORED TALISMANS!

SMALL CONSEQUENCE. *SUPPOSEDLY*, THE BIO-ENHANCEMENT OF POWER RINGS PALES WHEN COMPARED TO CHAOS EMERALDS.

UGH! I THINK HE MAY BE RIGHT!

ZARK

AGH! THAT REMAINS TO BE SEEN

REGARDLESS OF HOW YOU OBTAINED THE RINGS AND RETURNED TO THIS PLANE, BY MY *WILL*, YOU ONCE AGAIN *DEPART*...

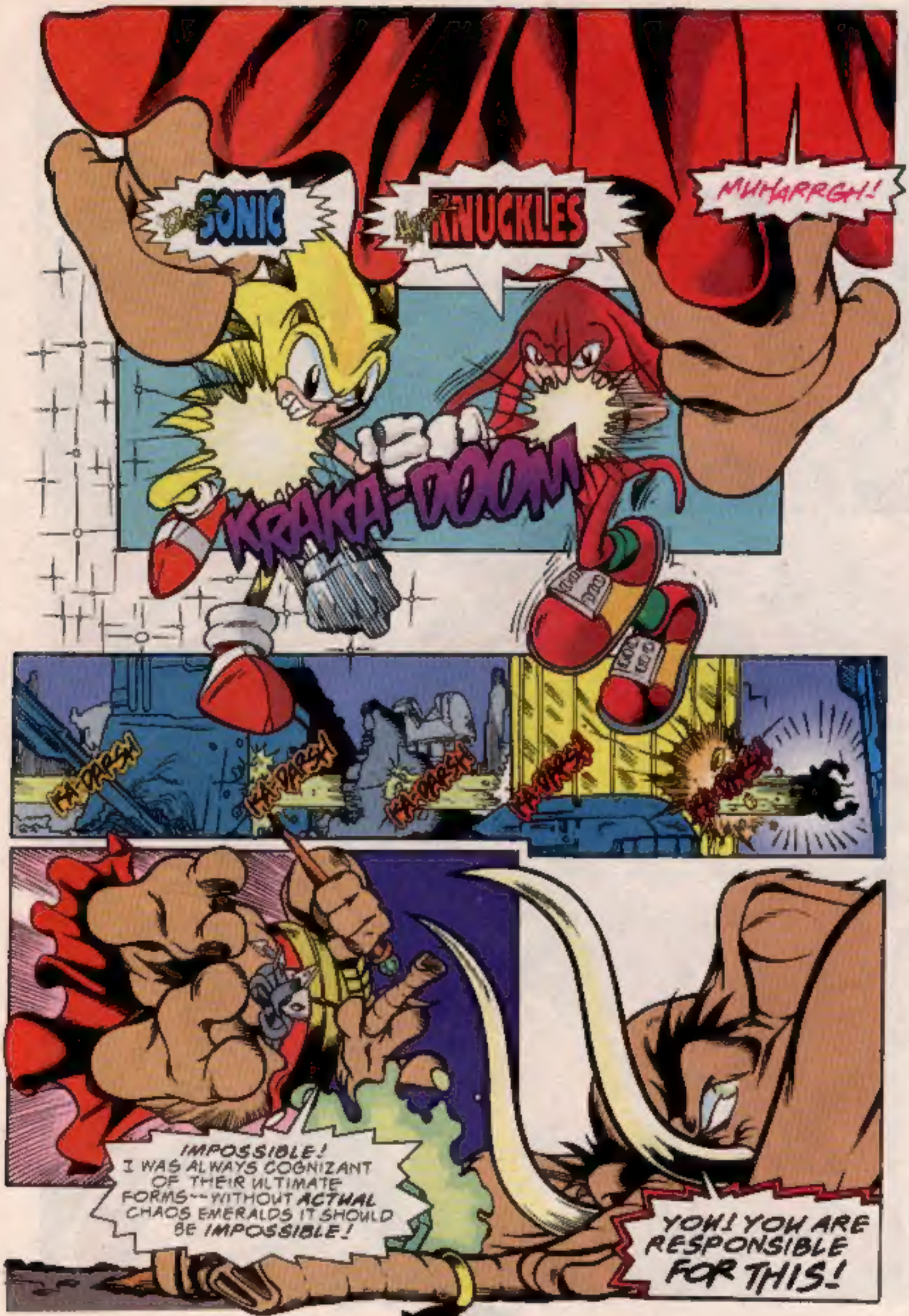
...BUT THIS TIME IT WILL BE FROM THE *MORTAL PLANE!*

SONIC! KNUCKLES! *NO!*

WHAT?! THEY SEEM TO BATHE IN MY ENERGY, ALMOST ABSORB IT LIKE *I* DID DIMITRI'S!

THAT'S RIGHT! NOW WE FINALLY UNDERSTAND THE *REAL* REASON WE LUGGED BACK THESE POWER RINGS!

YUP! *FIFTY* POWER RINGS EACH, *COMBINED* WITH YOUR ENERGY OF TWELVE *CHAOS EMERALDS* IS *MORE* THAN ENOUGH POWER TO HERALD THE TRIUMPHANT RETURN OF...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KNUCKLES
MUHARRGH!
KRAKA-DOOM
KA-DRASH
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KA-DRASH
IMPOSSIBLE! I WAS ALWAYS COGNIZANT OF THEIR ULTIMATE FORMS--WITHOUT ACTUAL CHAOS EMERALDS IT SHOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE!
YOW! YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS!

YOUR INTERFERENCE ENABLED THE R METAMORPHOS S.

YOU ALWAYS HAVE BEEN THE UNKNOWN PROBAB LITY FACTOR N MY PLANS . UNFATHOMABLE... UNCONTROLLABLE...

...BUT ULTIMATELY NOT UNCONQUERABLE!

EH? YOU USE SIMILAR TRICKERY AS I DID WITH ENERJAK"? NO MATTER, WITH MY POWER...

"In Knux #9 page 15 panel 4-- "Just in the unconquerable"

TALK! TALK! TALK!

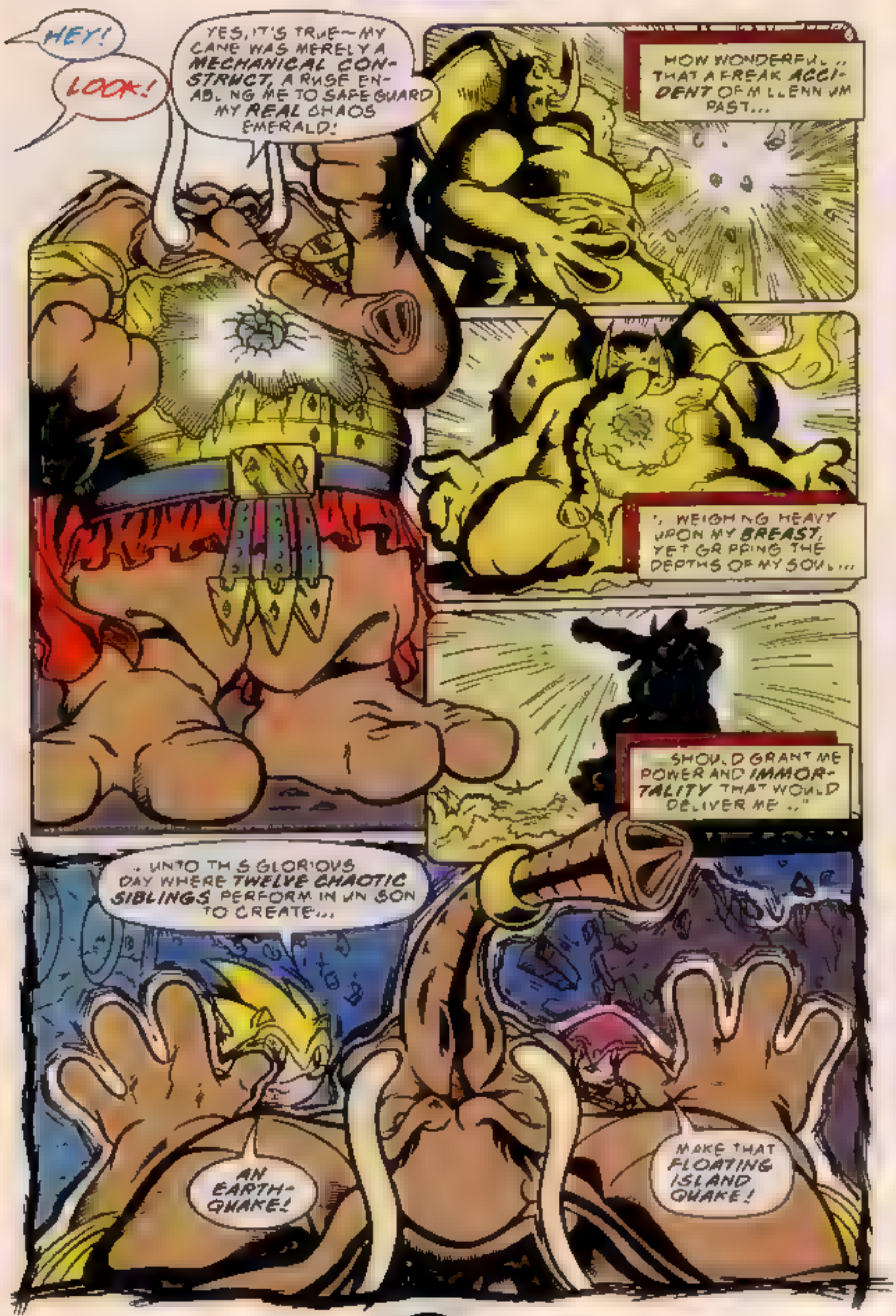
YOU'D BETTER USE IT OR LOSE IT BUB!

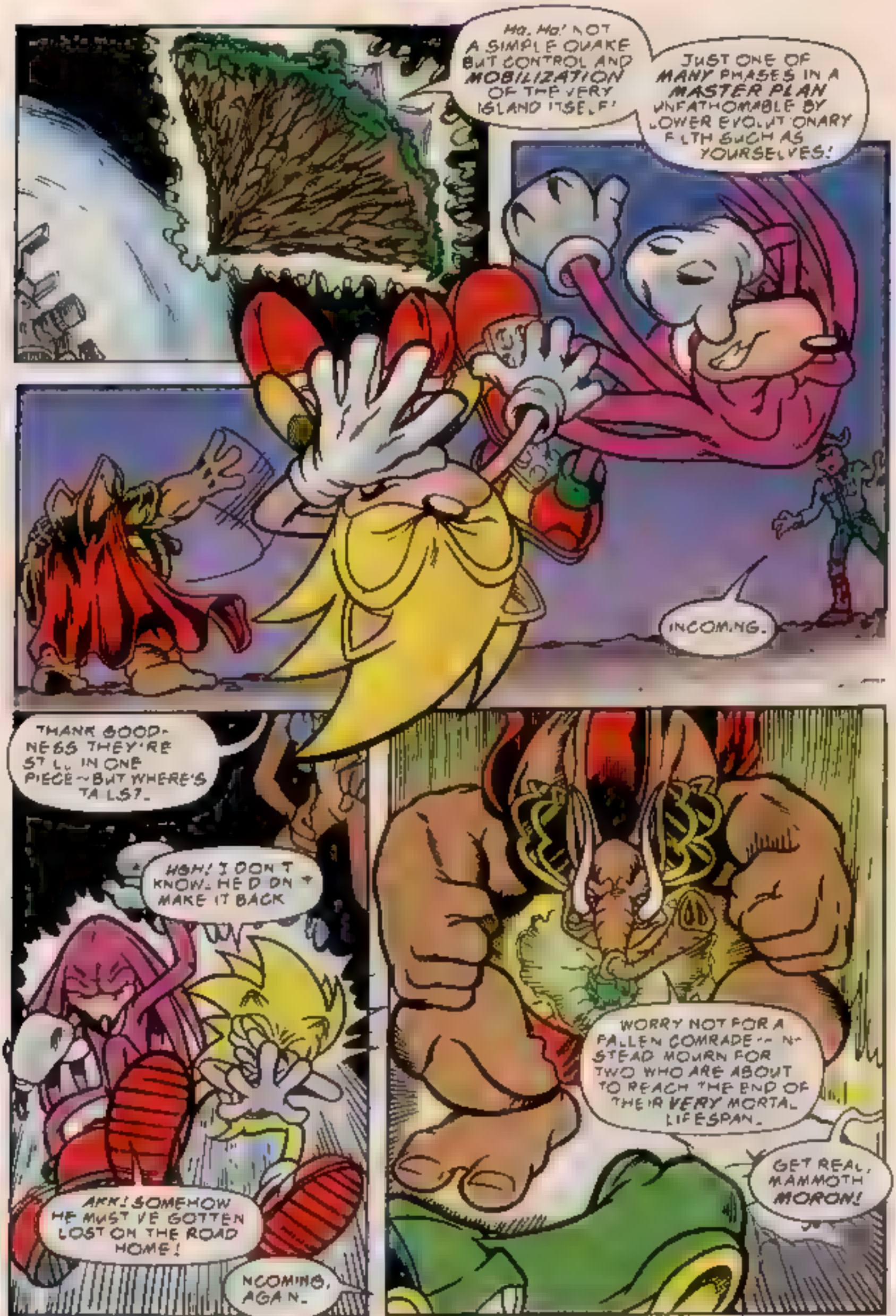
KAPOW!

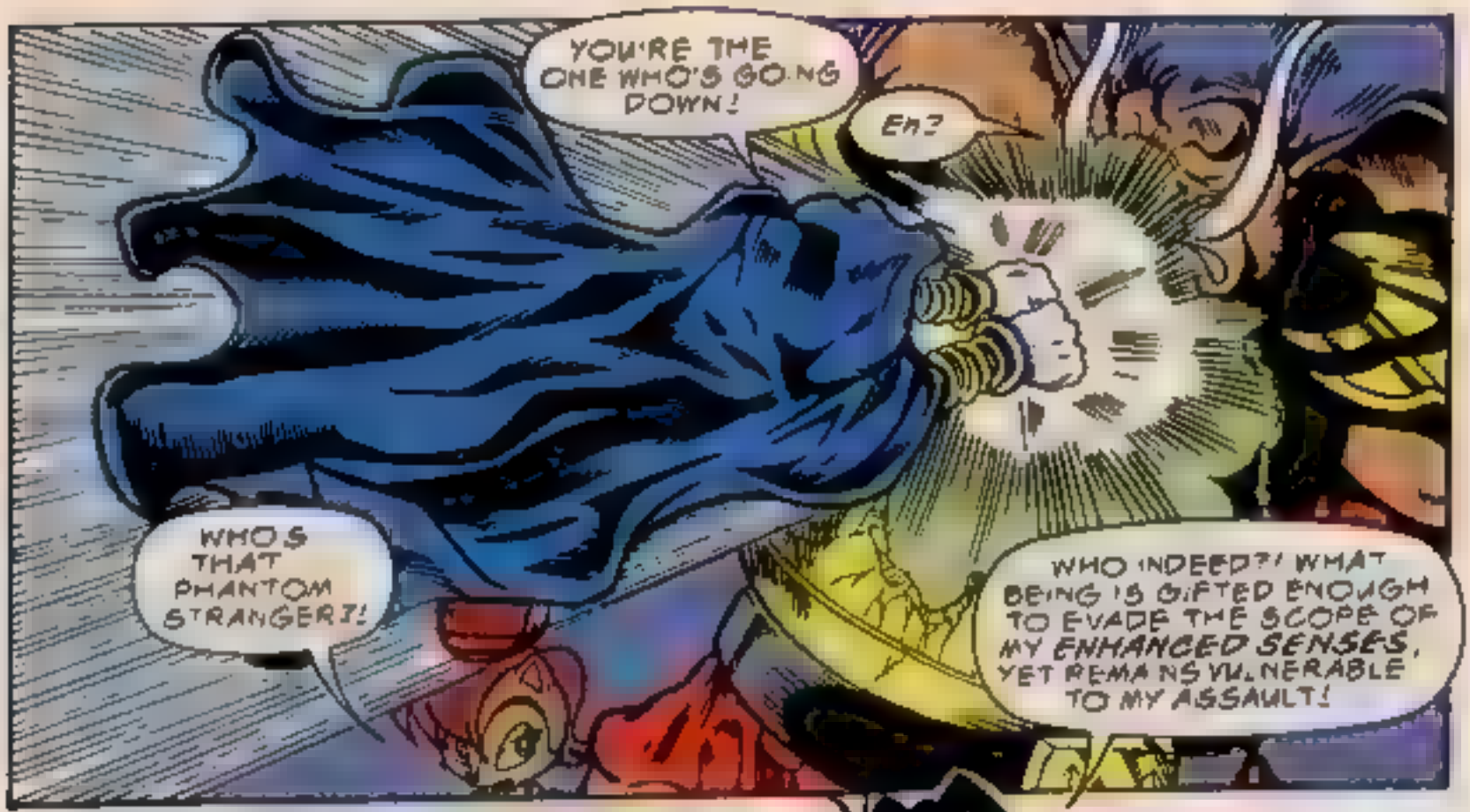
KABOOM!

I THINK HE'S GOING TO LOSE IT.

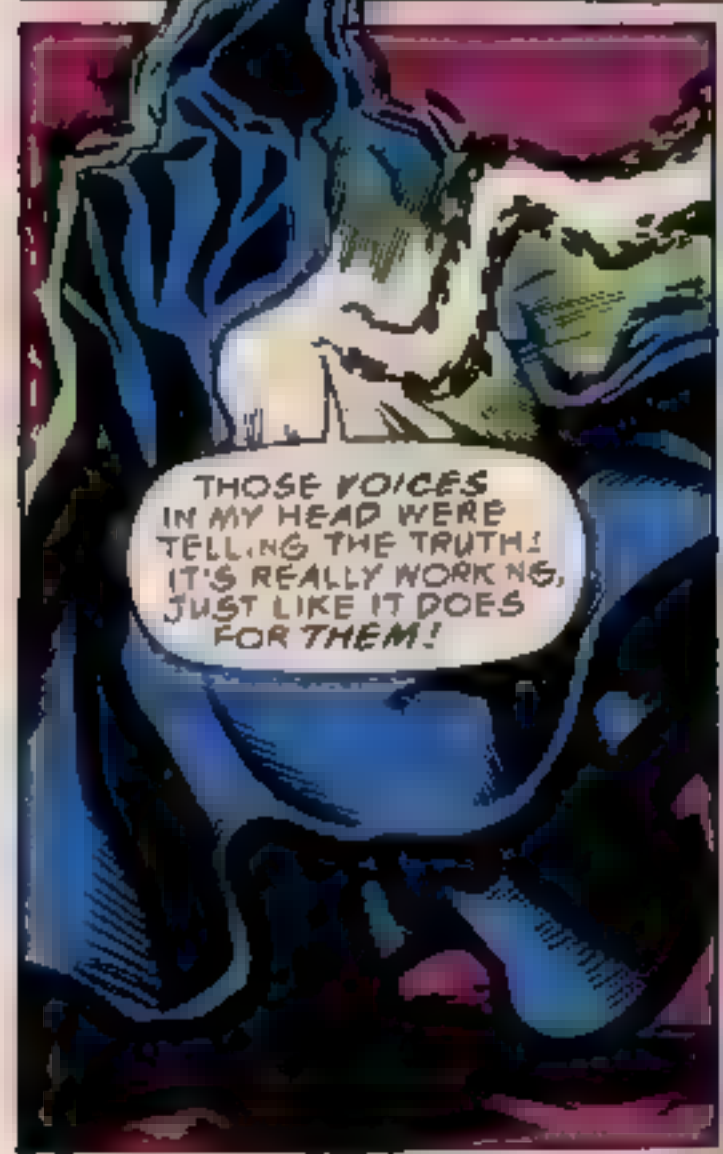
YEAH!


HEY!
LOOK!
YES, IT'S TRUE—MY CANE WAS MERELY A MECHANICAL CONSTRUCT, A RUSE ENABLING ME TO SAFEGUARD MY REAL CHAOS EMERALD!
HOW WONDERFUL... THAT A FREAK ACCIDENT OF MILLENNIUM PAST...
...WEIGHING HEAVY UPON MY BREAST, YET GRIPPING THE DEPTHS OF MY SOUL...
...SHOULD GRANT ME POWER AND IMMORTALITY THAT WOULD DELIVER ME..."
...UNTO THIS GLORIOUS DAY WHERE TWELVE CHAOTIC SIBLINGS PERFORM IN UNISON TO CREATE...
AN EARTHQUAKE!
MAKE THAT FLOATING ISLAND QUAKE!


Ha, Ha! NOT A SIMPLE QUAKE BUT CONTROL AND MOBILIZATION OF THE VERY ISLAND ITSELF!
JUST ONE OF MANY PHASES IN A MASTER PLAN UNFATHOMABLE BY LOWER EVOLUTIONARY FILTH SUCH AS YOURSELVES!
INCOMING.
THANK GOODNESS THEY'RE STILL IN ONE PIECE—BUT WHERE'S TALS?
HGH! I DON'T KNOW. HE'D ON'T MAKE IT BACK
AKK! SOMEHOW HE MUST'VE GOTTEN LOST ON THE ROAD HOME!
INCOMING, AGAIN.
WORRY NOT FOR A FALLEN COMRADE— INSTEAD MOURN FOR TWO WHO ARE ABOUT TO REACH THE END OF THEIR VERY MORTAL LIFESPAN.
GET REAL, MAMMOTH MORON!


YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S GOING DOWN!
Eh?
WHO'S THAT PHANTOM STRANGER?!
WHO INDEED?! WHAT BEING IS GIFTED ENOUGH TO EVADE THE SCOPE OF MY ENHANCED SENSES, YET REMAINS VULNERABLE TO MY ASSAULT!

LOOKS LIKE HOMEBOY WASN'T EVEN TRYING TO DODGE!


THOSE VOICES IN MY HEAD WERE TELLING THE TRUTH! IT'S REALLY WORKING, JUST LIKE IT DOES FOR THEM!

FLOW
NOW I REALLY AM CAPTAIN SUPER FOX-MAN! BUT I GUESS I SHOULD GO BY THE NAME THEY GAVE ME...

FAN ART

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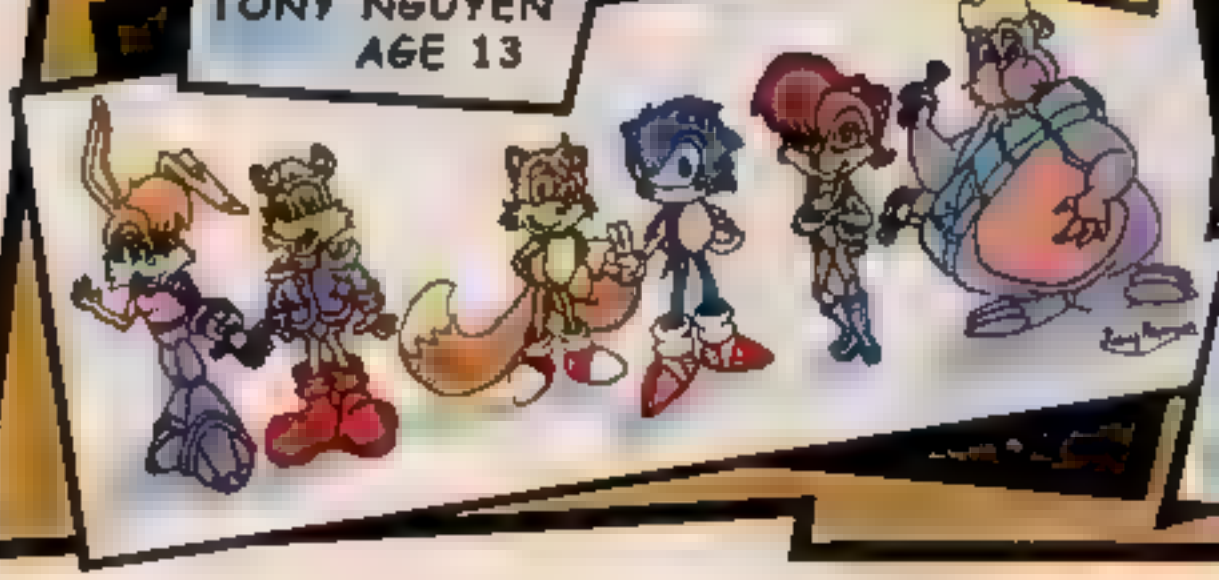

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TAILS

WOW! WAY TO GO, BIG GUY!

I DIDN'T KNOW THE KID HAD IT IN HIM!

BUT I DO! THOSE VOICES ARE OBVIOUSLY THE *ANCIENT WALKERS!* LEGEND HAS IT THEY FORETOLD THE COMING OF THE *CHOSEN ONE** EVEN BEFORE MY BIRTH!

THEN TAILS WAS TELLING THE TRUTH ABOUT HIS SOLO ADVENTURES IN *DOWNNNDA!**

THAT'S WHY MAMMOTH CONSIDERED TAILS AS MUCH A THREAT AS SONIC AND KNUCKLES!

YES! DESTINY HAS DECREED THAT THESE THREE WILL BE YOUR ERA'S GREATEST CHAMPIONS *ESPECIALLY* YOUNG *PROWER!*

BUT DO NOT SMILE IN TRIUMPH YET, OLD ONE! YOUR CHAMPIONS WILL *NEVER* REACH THEIR DIVINE STATUS!

*See Tot & mini series -- Turbo Edition

FOR IT HAS EVER BEEN TOLD SINCE ANCIENT TIMES THAT THE POWER OF A *TITAN* ALWAYS PALED BEFORE THAT OF A GOD...

... AND WHAT ELSE WOULD YOU CALL AN IMMORTAL OVERLORD LIKE ME?! *UNLIKE* DIM TRI, I HAVE MASTERED MY *CHAOTIC STRENGTHS* AND INTEND TO...

Y'KNOW, KINDA FUNNY HOW YOU SHOULD MENTION THE "*BLACK SHEEP*" OF KNUCKLES *FAMILY!*

I KNOW WHAT... THAT... IS...

AGH! THE *CHAOS SYPHON!*" WHO'S RESPONSIBLE FOR THE RENEGADE ECHIDNA'S BRAINCHILD APPEARING HERE AND NOW-- YOU ATHAR OR YOUR *MASTERS?!*

YES! I KNOW YOU'RE HERE.. I CAN *SEE* YOU WATCHING...

First appeared in SONIC #35 -- Set Fan J-Man.

NEVERTHELESS, PUT NOT TOO MUCH FAITH IN YOUR "CHOSEN ONE"... ANCIENT WALKERS! AMB T'ONS AND POWER OF MY CAL BER LEAVE NO ROOM FOR FA LURE!
ST LL CONCEN TRATING ALL YOUR POWER N ONE D RECT ON DID FREE US.
GUESS HE WAS TOO "AMBITIOUS" TO THINK OF MINOR THINGS!
YOU GIVE H M TOO MUCH CREDIT-- FOR THINKING THAT Z!
I M AFRAID STRATEGY AND NUMBERS WON T W N THE DAY. FOR THE MOMENT THE ONLY ADVANTAGE THEY HAVE IS TAILS AND THAT... THAT POWER SYPHON!
DO I DETECT A NOTE OF ANGER N YOUR VO CE, MY SON?

WHETHER IT'S THE PLAN OF A THAIR OR THE ANCIENT WALKERS I APPLAUD "S LOGIC...

...BUT YOU'RE THE ONE USED TO WORKING COVERTLY LEAVING YOUR INTERVENTION A MYSTERY!

SORT OF UNSETTLING WHEN SOMEONE ELSE DOES IT TO YOU, EH?

PERHAPS BUT THEY ALWAYS MOVED IN DIFFERENT "COSMIC" CIRCLES. MY REAL CONCERN IS THAT WITH A CRISIS OF SUCH MAGNITUDE...

WHEN DO WE MAKE OUR MOVE?"

ARRGH! I WILL COMPENSATE FOR YOUR INTERFERENCE, ANCIENT WALKERS! CHAOTIC ENERGIES CAN ACT AS A HOMING BEACON...

KRRACKK

...AND "LIKE" POWERS WILL SEEK THEIR BRETHREN!

WHAT'S HE MEAN? WHAT'S HE DOING?

KATHOOTE

HE'S GOING FOR MY ISLAND'S CHAOS EMERALDS IN THE **CHAOS CHAMBER!** AFTER HIM!

HAH! HOW CAN YOU MEASURE THE LIMITLESS POWER OF ONE **DOZEN** WHEN IT'S ACCOMPANIED BY THE LIMITLESS POWER OF **TWO** MORE!

SUFFICE TO SAY, IT'S POWER ENOUGH TO DEAL WITH ANY MECHANICAL CONSTRUCT, NO MATTER HOW WELL DESIGNED!

STOP HIM BEFORE HE USES THEIR...

KRA-KOW

AS ILLUSTRATED!

AMAZING! THEIR **ULTIMATE** FORMS FULLY PROTECTED THEM!

WHILE YOU MAY BE PROUD THAT YOUR SON IS THE **ONLY** GUARDIAN TO EVER ACHIEVE THAT FORM...

I KNOW I STILL PALES BEFORE TOTAL MASTERY OF AN EMERALD'S ENERGIES!
THAT'S SOMETHING THAT NOT EVEN MAMMOTH CAN CLAIM THIS DAY, NOR DIMITRI BEFORE HIM!
TRUE. NONE SAVE THE ANCIENT WALKERS CAN CLAIM THAT RIGHT!
YES, BUT AT LEAST BEING ABLE TO UNLOCK SOME OF THEIR SECRETS MAY STILL WIN THE DAY!
I GET YOUR POINT HEREIN LIES THE ANSWER TO MY PREVIOUS QUESTION
FOR THE GOOD OF OUR PEOPLE WE ACT NOW! AND MAY THE LIKES OF DIMITRI MOGAL OR ANY TYRANT NEVER SUBJUGATE OUR HOME WORLD AGAIN.
ZOOOGE

DAWN SETTLES OVER ECHIDNAOPOLIS WITH THE LANDSCAPE REVEALING THE STRESS OF SEVERE CONFLICT...

GAZING UPON THE BATTLE RAVAGED EDIFICES, IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE THAT ANYBODY COULD CALL THIS DAY VICTORIOUS.

BUT NEVERTHELESS, 'A VICTORY OF SORTS HAS BEEN ACHIEVED...

WE STILL DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT CAUSED THAT CHAOTIC EXPLOSION, BUT AT LEAST OUR *SUPER* FORMS SAVED OUR HIDES!

SAYS YOU! I THINK THE EXPLOSION CHANGED US BACK, BUT SOMETHING OTHER THAN OUR *HYPER* FORMS SAVED OUR BUTTS!

AND YOU BELIEVE THAT, COMBINED WITH THE MYSTERIOUS DISTRESS CALL TO YOUR FRIENDS" TRANSLATES TO OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE?

SOUNDS LOGICAL TO ME!

See KNUX #9 page 19 ~Justin

YES! TODAY BROUGHT FORTH A LOT MORE UNANSWERED QUESTIONS... BUT ONE DAY *THEY WILL* BE ANSWERED!

HERE YOU ARE, GUARDIAN!

BUT RIGHT NOW, I'M MORE CONCERNED WITH KEEPING A SACRED VOW.

PRINCESS SALLY ACORN, FOR THE *FIRST* AND HOPEFULLY *LAST* TIME, I FINALLY PRESENT YOU WITH... THE *REAL SWORD OF ACORNS!*

WE SAID IT BEFORE BUT IT'S WORTH SAYING AGAIN...

HIP HIP HOORAY!

HOORAY FOR KNUCKLES!!

LATER THAT DAY TWO KINDRED SPIRITS WHO HAVE BEEN BOTH ENEMIES AND UNEASY ALLIES *FINALLY* RECONCILE THEIR DIFFERENCES...

THANKS FOR THE OVERNIGHT HOSPITALITY! WE'VE CERTAINLY COME A WAY SINCE THE DAYS OF BEATING ON EACH OTHER!

Hah! WASN'T THAT LONG AGO! WE SHOULD ALWAYS HAVE BEEN ON THE SAME SIDE--

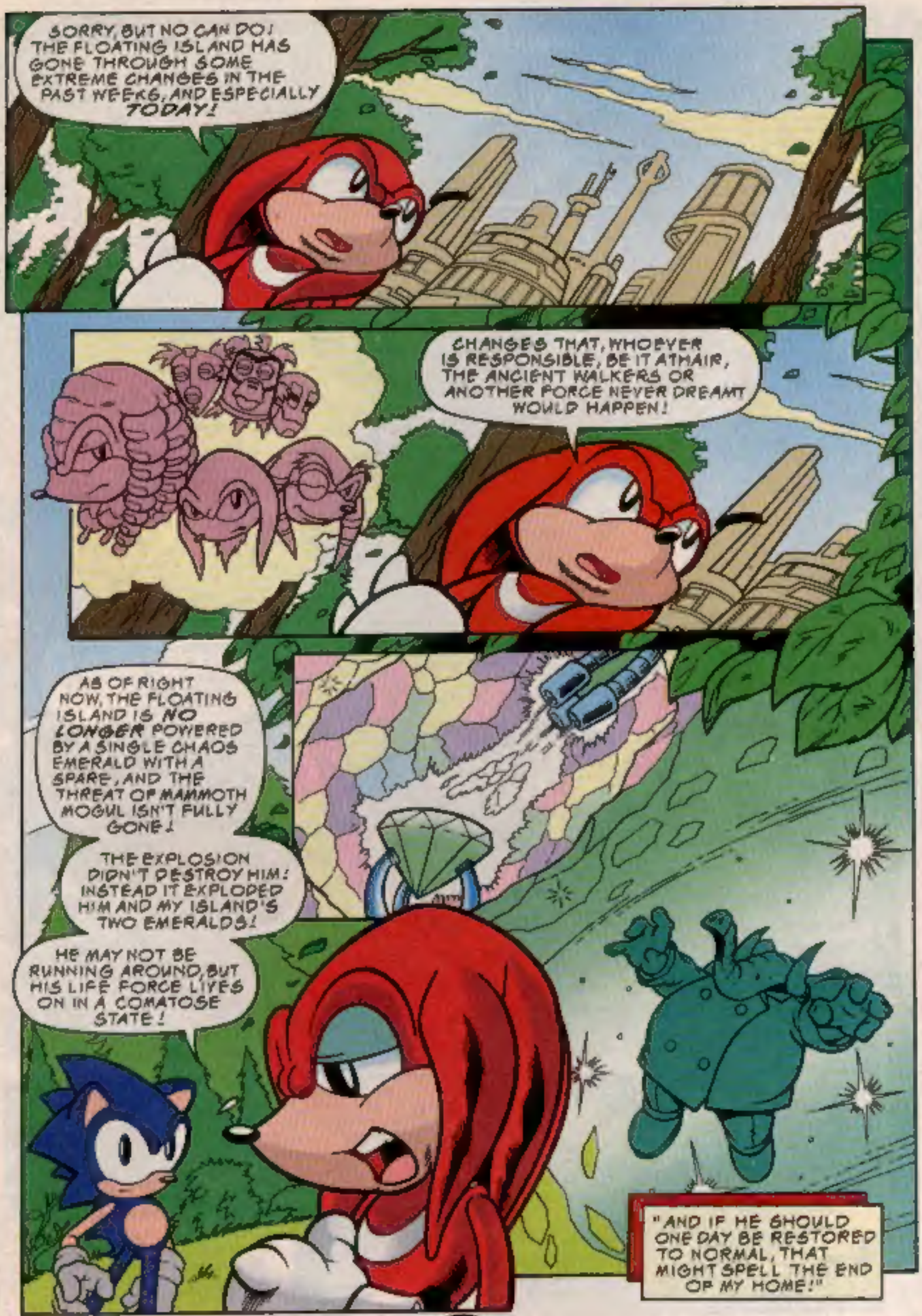
--WE WERE JUST TOO HEADSTRONG TO KNOW IT!

YUP. WE'RE A LOT ALIKE--WE BOTH LIKE TO CHAMPION A CAUSE, PROTECT INNOCENTS AND FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT!

AND DON'T FORGET THE ACTION AND THRILL OF BEING ON THE EDGE! IT'S WHAT WE LIVE FOR!

WHICH GOES BACK TO YOUR EARLIER POINT--WITH OUR HOMES FACING SO MANY CHANGES, YOU THINK GUYS LIKE US ARE OUT OF A JOB?

EXACTLY! THERE'S NO PLACE FOR US IN *ORGANIZED* SOCIETY! AND I GOTTA TELL YA, REBUILDING A CITY IS NOT MY THING. C'MON! WE NEED TO FIND SOME MORE MAD DICTATORS TO TRASH! EVEN THOUGH ROBUTTNIK IS GONE HIS SUB-BOSSES AREN'T!


SORRY, BUT NO CAN DO! THE FLOATING ISLAND HAS GONE THROUGH SOME EXTREME CHANGES IN THE PAST WEEKS, AND ESPECIALLY TODAY!
CHANGES THAT, WHOEVER IS RESPONSIBLE, BE IT ATHAIR, THE ANCIENT WALKERS OR ANOTHER FORCE NEVER DREAMT WOULD HAPPEN!
AS OF RIGHT NOW, THE FLOATING ISLAND IS NO LONGER POWERED BY A SINGLE CHAOS EMERALD WITH A SPARE, AND THE THREAT OF MAMMOTH MOGUL ISN'T FULLY GONE!
THE EXPLOSION DIDN'T DESTROY HIM! INSTEAD IT EXPLODED HIM AND MY ISLAND'S TWO EMERALDS!
HE MAY NOT BE RUNNING AROUND, BUT HIS LIFE FORCE LIVES ON IN A COMATOSE STATE!
"AND IF HE SHOULD ONE DAY BE RESTORED TO NORMAL, THAT MIGHT SPELL THE END OF MY HOME!"

"THAT'S 'CAUSE THE FLOATING ISLAND IS NOW POWERED BY ONE GIANT CHAOS EMERALD A LIVING CHAOS EMERALD...

"A POWER BATTERY MADE UP OF FOURTEEN EMERALDS WITH MAMMOTH MOGUL'S LIFE ESSENCE AT THE VERY CENTER!

"RIGHT NOW, ONE OF OUR MOST FEARED ENEMIES IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTAINING MY HOME WORLD BY KEEPING THIS ISLAND AFLOAT!

"FOR BETTER OR WORSE, MY PLACE IS HERE!

WHAT'S UP, SONIC? DON'T TELL ME YOU HAD ANOTHER FIGHT WITH KNUCKLES?

NOPE, JUST BUSY WITH SOMETHING I USUALLY DON'T DO --A LOT OF THINKING!

SO, YOU REALLY ARE THE "CHOSEN ONE", DESTINED TO BE A HERO GREATER THAN KNUCKLES AND ME?!

I SHOULD BE JEALOUS! BUT Y'KNOW I'M REALLY PROUD OF YOU!

THANKS! I GUESS I HAVE A LOT TO THINK ABOUT MYSELF, BUT RIGHT NOW I JUST MISS MY TURBO POWER!

I THINK LIKE ME, YOU JUST REALLY MISS THE CHANCE TO HELP THE "LITTLE GUY"! KNUX MAY HAVE DECLINED, BUT HOW ABOUT YOU, BIG GUY? UP FOR SOME REAL ADVENTURES AS YOU GROW INTO YOUR MANTLE OF SAVIOR?

HOW ABOUT YOU?! UP FOR SOME SOLO ADVENTURES OF YOUR FAVORITE DUO? TUNE IN NEXT MONTH WHEN SONIC AND TAILS HIT THE ROAD TO ADVENTURE!

SONIC-GRAMS

J. Freddy Gabrie
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THIS JUST IN!

NOBOTROPOLIS... IN CIVIL WAR???

IN TWO WEEKS: AS OUR HEROES TRAVEL BACK HOME, THINGS HAVE GONE FROM BAD TO WORSE. IN THE ABSENCE OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS, KING ACORN'S NEW EDICT HAS BEEN ISSUED: "DISMANTLE ALL ROBIANS!" WITH BATTLE LINES DRAWN STRAIGHT DOWN THE MIDDLE BETWEEN KING ACORN AND UNCLE CHUCK, THE QUESTION REMAINS... WHO WILL SONIC AND THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS BE WHEN THEY TAKE THE FIELD? WILL BE HERE TO SEE OF THE ROLLER WITH ART BY SAM KEITH AND ROB HOWARD. PLUS: THE ONE STORY YOU'VE BEEN WAITING FOR: HOW DID MAYMAYE AND ANTOINE ESCAPE CROCBOT'S CLUTCHES? THIS ISSUE CONTAINS THE ANSWER. STORY BY MIKE GALLAGHER, ART CHORES BY NELSON ORTEGA AND PAM EKLUND. SONIC SUPER SPECIAL#4: "RETURN OF THE KING" ON SALE JANUARY 1998!

SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #4
"RETURN OF THE KING"
ON SALE JANUARY 1998

NEXT MONTH: WITNESS THE PAST UNFOLD AS SONIC AND THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS REMINISCE ABOUT TIMES GONE BY -- THE JOY, THE SADNESS, THE LOSSES AND THE VICTORIES! THIS STORY IS BROUGHT TO YOU BY KARL ROLLERS, ART HAWKINNET AND JIM AMASH. SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #57 ON SALE LATE JANUARY 1998!

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #57
ON SALE JANUARY 1998

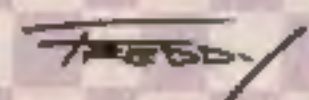
IN OTHER SEGA NEWS... IN ONE WEEK: CONTINUING THE STORY BASED ON THE HOT SEGA VIDEO GAME COMES NIGHTS INTO DREAMS #2 (OF 3)! FOLLOWING THE EXPLOITS OF ELLIOT EDWARDS AND CLARIS SINCLAIR, TWO KIDS FROM THE CITY OF TWIN SEEDS THAT THINK THE MAZE ABOUT TO HELP WITH A COLLECTION OF DREAMS CALLED NIGHTS! TOGETHER, THEY HOPE TO DEFEAT WIZEMAN AND HIS EVIL NIGHTMAREN. BUT WILL THEY BE ENOUGH TO SAVE THE WORLD FROM BECOMING ONE BIG NIGHTMARE? WRITTEN BY DAN SLOTT WITH ART BY SPAZ, MANNY AND HARVO. DON'T MISS IT! ON SALE JANUARY 1998!

NIGHTS
INTO DREAMS #2 (OF 3)
ON SALE JANUARY 1998

AND IN THREE WEEKS: JOIN KNUCKLES ON A QUEST FOR THE FABLED "LOST TRIBE OF ECHIDNAS," BUT HE DOES NOT HAVE THIS JOURNEY ALONE. TO HELP HIM IN HIS QUEST IS HIS GREAT-GRANDFATHER... THE EVER-MYSTERIOUS ATHAIR! IT'S EVERYTHING KNUX FANS EXPECT AND MORE FROM STORYTELLERS KEN PENDERS, MANNY GALAN AND ANDREW PEPOY! KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA #10 ON SALE JANUARY 1998!

KNUCKLES
"THE ECHIDNA" #10
ON SALE JANUARY 1998

CATCH YOU ON THE FLIP SIDE!



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THANKS FOR UNDERSTANDING

I'M STARING AT A PILE OF MAIL THAT HAS SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #49 WRITTEN ALL OVER IT. HERE ARE A FEW EXCERPTS...

DEAR SONIC-GRAMS,

I'M REALLY CAUGHT UP IN THIS "END GAME" SERIES. ONE THING I DON'T UNDERSTAND IS WHY ST. JOHN CAN'T FIGURE OUT THAT SONIC HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH PRINCESS SALLY'S DEATH. OH, AND DON'T EVEN GET ME STARTED ON THAT DRAGO DUDE. THAT NO GOOD TRAITOR TREATS HERSHEY SO BAD. I CAN'T WAIT FOR THAT WHIP TO GET HIS. IF I WERE THERE I'D KICK HIS TAIL BUT GOOD! I HOPE FANS HAVE NOT LOST FAITH IN SONIC, I KNOW EVENTUALLY HE'LL COME OUT ON TOP.

BILL LUTZ (AGE 24)
CHICAGO, IL

I'M GLAD YOU'RE ENJOYING THE "END GAME" SERIES. HOPE YOU ENJOYED WATCHING DRAGO GET HIS IN SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #50 BY HERSHEY HERSELF. AGAIN THANK YOU FOR KEEPING THE FAITH. YOU FANS ARE THE BEST!

DEAR SONIC-GRAMS,

I LOVE SONIC COMICS. MY FAVORITE CHARACTERS ARE SONIC, KNUCKLES AND TAILS. I HAVE "END GAME" PARTS 2 & 3 AND I WANT TO KNOW HOW DING ACORN BECAME HALF-CRYSTAL?

ZAIN HUSSAIN
LAHAOR, PAKISTAN

AS EXPLAINED BY THE KING HIMSELF IN SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #53, THE POWER TO TURN TO CRYSTAL AND BACK AGAIN WAS GIVEN TO HIM BY EXIS NAUGUS. ONCE HE LEFT THE ZONE OF SILENCE, HE COULD NO LONGER CONTROL IT AND THE CRYSTALLIZATION STARTED TO CONSUME HIS BODY.

DEAR SONIC-GRAMS,

I LOVE YOUR COMIC. I DON'T [illegible] LETTER SHE WROTE ABOUT HOW SALLY AND KNUCKLES SHOULDN'T GET TOGETHER. WELL, I THINK THY WOULD MAKE A GREAT COUPLE. MAYBE SONIC COULD GET TO KNOW LUPE OR HERSHEY. ANYWAY, I KNOW SALLY'S NOT DEAD. THE FACT THAT DOCK WOULDN'T GIVE UNCLE CHUCK THE FINAL MEDICAL REPORT GAVE IT AWAY FOR ME. CAN'T WAIT FOR THE NEXT ISSUE!

NICOLE FOGLIA (AGE 12)
FARMINGTON HILLS, MI

WHAT DO MEAN SALLY AND KNUCKLES WOULD MAKE A GREAT COUPLE? I'LL HAVE YOU KNOW SALLY THINKS I'M THE CAT'S MEOW (AT LEAST I THINK SHE DOES).

[illegible]

I'VE BEEN READING SONIC COMICS FOR A COUPLE OF YEARS NOW AND THE STORIES HAVE BEEN COOL! AND THEN SUDDENLY I BOUGHT YOUR LATEST INSTALLMENT THE "END GAME" SERIES AND IT'S SO AWESOME, I'M TOTALLY BLOWN AWAY. 1) NOW IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN AMY ROSE (THE PINK HEDGEHOG IN THE ORANGE SUIT WHOSE FIRST APPEARANCE WAS IN SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #25) APPEARED IN THE SONIC CD GAME, RIGHT? 2) ROSIE, SALLY'S OLD NANNY, WHO CAME FROM THE ANIMATED SERIES, IS WHAT KIND OF ANIMAL? 3) IT SAYS THE NEXT ISSUE SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #50 IS CALLED "THE BIG GOODBYE!" THIS DOESN'T MEAN THAT SONIC #50 IS THE LAST ISSUE, CAN IT? I HOPE NOT!

RAY HARGREAVES
[illegible], MI

HEY, RAY , WUZ UP??? 1) YES, YOU ARE CORRECT. AMY ROSE DID APPEAR IN SONIC CD OF WHICH SONIC #25 WAS AN ADAPTATION OF. 2) ROSIE IS A WOODCHUCK AS WAS HER COUSIN AND SALLY'S MENTOR, JULAYLA (WHO PASSED AWAY IN SONIC #18). 3) AS YOU CAN SEE, SONIC #50 WAS NOT THE LAST ISSUE. EVEN THOUGH ROBOTNIK HAS FINALLY BEEN DEFEATED AFTER TEN YEARS OF HIS TYRANNY, THINGS ARE FAR FROM BEING FIXED. AND WITH NEW VILLAINS CROPPING UP TO TAKE ROBOTNIK'S PLACE, A HEDGEHOG'S WORK IS NEVER DONE.

DEAR SONIC,

MY NAME IS STEPHANIE GRAY FROM BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA AND I READ ALL YOUR COMICS. I'VE A FEW QUESTIONS TO ASK YOU... 1) IN SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #49, WHAT WAS THE STUFF YOU THREW FROM YOUR SHOE? 2) DID YOU KNOW THAT KING ACORN WAS A ROBOT? 3) WHY DON'T YOU AND KNUCKLES GET ALONG?

STEPHANIE GRAY
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WHAT'S UP STEPHANIE GRAY FROM BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA. YOU SEE ANY 'ROOS LATELY? THANKS FOR READING ALL MY COMICS. MAKES A HEDGEHOG FEEL GOOD YOU KNOW. IF YOU CAN, CHECK OUT KNUCKLES' BOOK OR OUR NEW ADDITION, NIGHTS INTO DREAMS! 1) THE STUFF IN MY SHOE WAS ALL THE DIRT I COLLECTED IN THERE SINCE I STARTED TO RUN IN SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #48. 2) I KNEW SOMETHING WAS UP WITH KING ACORN BUT I HAD NO IDEA ROBOTNIK WAS BEHIND IT. 3) IF YOU READ SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #53, YOU KNOW THAT ME AND THE RAD RED BURIED THE HATCHET.

UNTIL NEXT MONTH, KEEP ON JUICIN'!